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April 9, 2014

PALS Mane Event Committee – Deadline Apr. 18

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) is seeking volunteers to serve on its Mane Event Committee. PALS provides therapeutic equine activities to individuals with disabilities and to at-risk youth. The Mane Event, which will be on June 20 at IU's Alumni Hall, is their annual fundraiser, a Derby-themed evening of local beer and wine tastings, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Committee members assist with public relations, marketing, ticketing, logistics, and auction item procurement. Volunteers are also encouraged to serve as Table Captains, a key role in the event's success. This opportunity is perfect for those who want to learn more about PALS and get hands-on experience in large event fundraising. The deadline for committee confirmation is April 18. Please contact Lindsay Nash at (812) 336-2798 ext. 18 or lindsay@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org/maneevent)

Earth Week Trail Cleanup – Apr. 20

Celebrate Earth Week with a spring cleanup of the Lower Cascades Creek Trail from 1-3 p.m. on Sun., April 20. This event will give you an opportunity to immerse yourself in the wonders of nature at one of Bloomington's most beautiful parks! The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will provide bags and gloves. Minimum age is 10. Please register at http://bit.ly/LakeCleanup or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Emergency Preparedness POD Exercise – Apr. 23

The Monroe County Health Department will host a Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise from 9-11 a.m. on Wed., April 23 to develop emergency preparedness response capabilities. This mock drill will be conducted as if shoppers at a large mall have been exposed to Tularemia and require medication in a timely manner. Volunteers should arrive at the Monroe County Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. to work the POD or at 9:30 a.m. if you prefer to participate as a client going through the POD. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Lisa Kane at (812) 349-2543 ext. 2849 or lkane@co.monroe.in.us. (www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Community/HealthDepartment.aspx)

Bike Project

The Bloomington Community Bike Project is a local cooperative that empowers people to live more sustainable lives by emphasizing bicycle maintenance and repair education. The project provides space, tools, and free used parts to those with bicycles in need of repair. They also have bicycle maintenance books for your perusal and a Shop Monitor who can help you diagnose and fix your own bike. Volunteers clean and organize, assist in identifying needed bike repairs, and repair Bike Project bicycles. Minimum age is 15; 13 if with an adult. Please contact Nick Kojetin at (317) 450-0942 or nkojetin@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonbikeproject.com)

Community Orchard Work & Learn Days – Saturdays

The Bloomington Community Orchard depends upon the generosity of volunteers! The Orchard will hold workdays from 1-4 p.m. every Saturday from now until September. Each workday will focus on tasks such as weeding, mulching, pruning, and general maintenance of the nearly 100 fruit trees and plants. Workdays are open house style; pre-registration is not necessary. Food and drinks for the day's hard workers are also appreciated.This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and contribute to the growth of your Orchard. Minimum age is 16; no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Lauren Haney at getinvolved@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org. (www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Pace Tutoring at Bloomington High School South

An academic support program helping students with their school work. To grant a wish, contact Nancy Voskuil at nvoskuil@mccsc.edu or (812) 330-7714. (1965 S. Walnut St.; www.mccsc.edu/Page/2709)

Wishes: pencils, lined paper, calculators

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

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